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Rise and Fall of McKeithen Topic of Johnston's Speech

BY TARA O'BRIEN

"Some nut called and said he was Hubert Humphreys and wants you to call him back," was the opening for state representative J. Bennet Johnston's speech in the Science Lecture Auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Johnston's topic was the "Rise and Fall of Gov. John McKeithen."



In the last gubernatorial race McKeithen received 82 per cent of the vote, probably the highest ever received in the state, said Johnston. He called this a "vote of confidence" from the people.

●Tired of Bad Image

By 1963 the people were tired of the bad image that they had received from Jimmie Davis and Earl Long. "They wanted to be known by the nation as intelligent, forward people of a great state," he said.

Therefore McKeithen's popularity was great in the beginning, for he had the salesman-ship needed to restore the confidence in the state and sell it

to new industry, Johnston said.

His politics was businesslike, with a code of ethics enacted, centralized; purchasing and no new taxes. His ability to create these things and others without new taxes was appealing to the people. The new industry he attracted was more than that acquired the past four years.

"All these things and the support of the news media helped to create a favorable image for McKeithen," said Johnston.

"Why, then, has the popular feeling turned against him now?" questioned Johnston.

●Supported Humphrey

One of the reasons would be his support of Hubert Humphrey during the election campaign and the possibility of his appointment as his vice-presidential candidate. Humphrey wasn't that popular in Louisiana and McKeithen's actions were frowned on, the speaker declared.

The decline of industrial development due to labor trouble in Baton Rouge cast a bad light his way. "However, this was not really his fault," said Johnston, "but it didn't help him."

McKeithen's connection with the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Company added to his decline in popularity. "In my judgment he had no moral complicity and didn't profit at all by dealing with Louisiana Loan and Thrift," said Johnston, who is a committeeman investigating the LL&T.

●Didn't Plan

In addition, McKeithen's not really an administrator. It's not "his strong suit." In vetoing the bill to make LSUS and Southern University four-year schools he

showed his "lack of planning."

If he had let the legislature know that he would veto the bill, killing it early, perhaps he would have been spared the blame for his actions. However, he instead, waited till it had been passed to say anything, thus putting himself up for great ridicule, Johnston explained.

The big reason for his sudden unpopularity, said Johnston, is the "revolt of the news media."

"He didn't deserve the pedestal he was placed on the first four years nor the stoning he's getting now," according to Johnston. "No one is all bad or all good, the same with politics. But the important thing is the idea not the ideal."

During the next three years, Johnston believes Caddo Parish shouldn't make war with the governor, but should support him when he's right and keep quiet when his actions are unfavorable. "He has too much power in this area on such issues as LSUS, budgets or the building of the north-south road to look for trouble."

Johnston then ended his talk with a question and answer period.

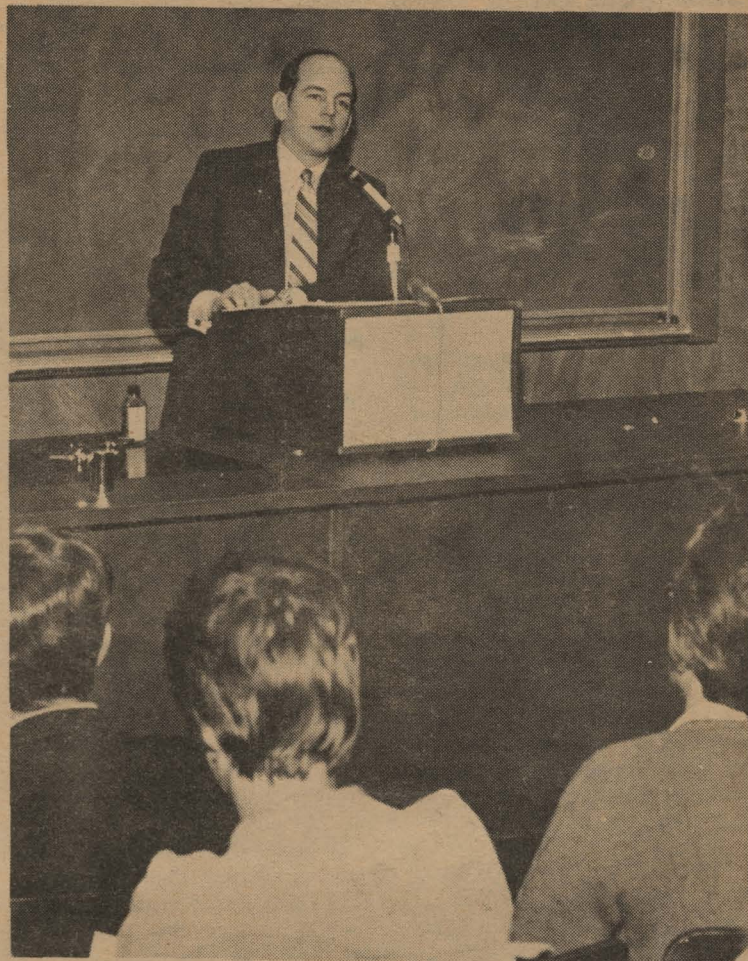
●Ethics Wrong

On the question of LL&T and Atty. Gen. Jack Gremlion's position, Johnston felt "he is very much to blame. Whether his actions violated a law, I don't know, but he is definitely at fault concerning ethics."

Johnston definitely felt that LSUS would be extended to a four-year school, but "how soon or what will be done, one can't say."

One student asked what could

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LOUISIANA STATE representative J. Bennet Johnston, presents his opinion on the "Rise and Fall of McKeithen" to the LSUS student body.

Mrs. Coil to Sponsor Summer Trip to Europe

Why dream about Europe any longer? Add a new dimension to your travel and education now! Experience new thrills, gaze at new horizons, see new faces and sample the continental atmosphere. Such subtle hints as these can be found on wall posters in and around the office of Mrs. Marilyn Coil, which suggest a way that a student might spend several weeks of his summer vacation.

Mrs. Coil, of the English Department has traveled or studied in Europe five times since 1962 and is currently recruiting prospects for a three-week tour this summer.

●Studied in London

The 33 weeks spent abroad by Mrs. Coil include four tours of the continent of Europe and one semester at the University of London, in 1965, when she studied English literature.

BSC Recieves Stereo System

The Baptist Student Center was presented with a new stereo sound system by the Shreveport YWCA recently, according to Betty Estes, sophomore president of the BSU at LSUS.

At a BSU meeting Thursday, Jan. 30, Herman Hayes, Baptist missionary to Vietnam was the special speaker.

There will be a basketball tournament played in Alexandria Saturday, March 1 between the LSUS BSU and the Northwestern State College BSU. Anyone playing in the tournament must not be playing on a university basketball team.

The BSU at LSUS is planning a spring banquet, along with hootenannies, picnics, and a state BSU Spring Assembly, at which all the BSUs in Louisiana will come together for a general meeting and conference.

Typical of the spring activities planned for spring by the BSU was a hootenanny-type fellowship held at the Baptist Student Center Sunday Jan. 26. Don McMurray, a student at Baptist Christian University and Mike Tinsley, employed at Southwestern Electric Power Co., entertained.

The tour group last summer included Miss Gail Southerland, German instructor, and LSUS students Terry Hansen, Linda Daniels and Mariette Bernard. Several students from other schools joined the group which left New York on June 9 for a 21-day visit to Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and England.

Listed among the highlights of the trip was a visit to Monaco where the entire army of eight soldiers were on display at Princess Grace's palace.

●Left Suitcases

One not so pleasant incident occurred when the boys left their suitcases in Lucern and went without a change of clothes for three days until the luggage finally caught up with them in Venice. In Rome, when a taxi in which the group was riding became involved in a minor accident, the passengers were treated to a colorful argument between the cab driver and the motorist who had accidentally bumped them. Of course, all of this transpired while the meter was still running.

Slides of Europe

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The trip this summer will be very similar to last year's tour except that it will begin June 4. The fare is \$749 which includes the jet flight from New York, hotels, all meals, multilingual guides and admissions to art galleries, museums and castles.

Mrs. Coil, who will chaperon the tour which is arranged by the Student Travel Division of Wholesale Tours International Inc., said, "Europe has something to offer everyone."



MISS GAIL SOUTHERLAND, wearing a cashmere sweater from Edinburgh, Scotland; Linda Daniel, with a music box from Lucern, Switzerland; Terry Hansen wearing his gondolier shirt from Venice, Italy; and Marilyn Coil wearing a dirndl from Munich, Germany share souvenirs of their European trip.

Crabs, gold, coat

Gleason Supplies Display

Our 50th state is in the spotlight this month with an exhibit in the lobby of the library. An interesting array of articles, gathered by Dr. Moriece Gleason, head of the English Department, while she was stationed on Kodiak Island with the WAVES.

Dr. Gleason, a former lieutenant commander, served for two years in Alaska where she accumulated her interesting and valuable collection.

●Gold nuggets, black diamonds

Featured in the exhibit are a flag and a map of the state and several books about Alaska which are in the LSUS collection. Also featured are king crab shells, glass floats, jewelry of hematite or "black diamonds", which are mined in Alaska, and gold nuggets from a Fairbanks gold mine.

Most of the photographs on display are the handiwork of Dr. Gleason who studied photography at the Armed Forces Inform-

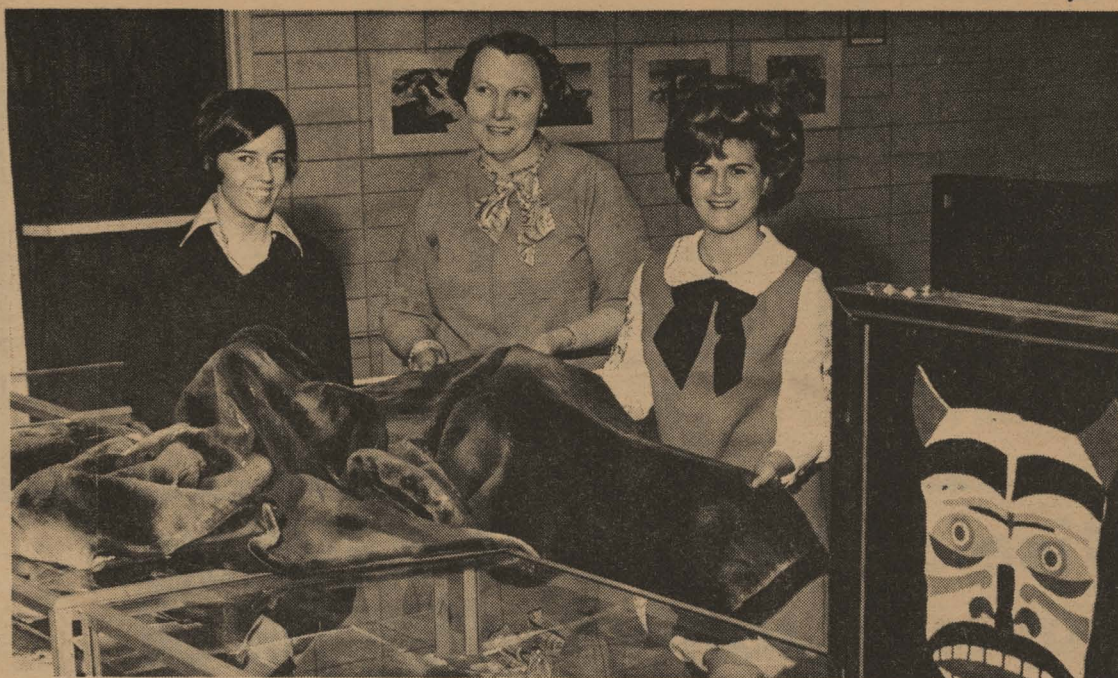
ation school in Carlisle, Pa. in 1950. "Aerial photographs of some parts of Alaska are more from necessity rather than by choice," said Dr. Gleason, while referring to her "once in a life-time" shots of several active volcanos.

●Rare fur coat

The most prized and the most valuable item in her collection is a rare fur coat made from 12 matched land otter skins. A bear guide obtained the matched skins from trappers on Kodiak Island. From Alaska, the skins were sent to New York to be tanned and then to a furrier in Seattle, Wash. where the finished product was made.

In addition to the many items on display, Dr. Gleason also has a collection of several hundred color slides which depict her experiences during many years of military service.

Students, as well as the public, may view the exhibit which will be on display through Friday, Feb. 14 during regular library hours, according to Malcom Parker, head librarian.



SHARON ADAMS, freshman student and a native of Anchorage, Alaska; Dr. Moriece Gleason, head of the English Department; and Mrs. Lujan Diamond, former Kenai Peninsula resident; look at an Otter skin coat which is part of Dr. Gleason's collection of Alaskan articles on display in the library.

Noon Film Society

McCarthy Subject of Film

BY CHRIS ADAMS

A new program intended to add a new aspect to non-classroom student life on the LSUS campus was initiated last week by two members of the college's faculty, Mr. Hubert Humphreys, assistant professor of social science, and Mrs. Nancy Sexton, English instructor.

The Wednesday Noon Film society, as the project is presently named, shows specially selected movies once a week in the Science Lecture Auditorium, at no cost to the student or faculty member. The tentative time selected for the films is twelve noon on every Wednesday. Anyone may attend.

●Relate to Social Studies

The films that will be shown are both entertaining and somewhat educational. Most are indirectly related to some field of social studies. It is the first such activity offered to the student body of the Shreveport campus.

The first film shown on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, was "Charge and Countercharge", a film about the dealings of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950's.

Joseph McCarthy, in the words of Mr. Humphreys, "... was the original 'Commie' hunter." His attempt to expose Communists in the U. S. government and government agencies started one of the biggest scandals in American history, and finally brought him to a hard, court battle against the U. S. Army which ended in stalemate.

●One Communist Too Many

The issue was centered on McCarthy's extreme belief that "one Communist, ... is one Communist too many." The movie showed, through actual films of the trial, how McCarthy attempted to bring charges against the Army for Communist infiltration and how the Senate, in return, brought charges against McCarthy for using un-senatorial tactics to get his information. "Hall of Kings," a color tour of Westminster Abbey, was shown Feb. 12. Future films scheduled include "The Jazz Age" to be shown Feb. 26. This is a new color film dealing with the 1920's era and is indirectly related to the study of United States history.

On the following Wednesday, the society will present a documented story of the love of the Cajun people for their land, "The Louisiana Story;" this award-

winning film promises to be extremely entertaining and enriching. "The Louvre" will follow on March 5th. This color short will show the famous museum in depth, presenting its history and the characters of the rulers who acquired the treasures of the great collection.

Footprints in the Wine

by Terry Hansen

Large and round and plump and purplish,
They stand out against the green hillsides;
Adorned in these solemn, royal, mourning jackets
They've come to see their brothers slain, much to the madman's inane pleasure.

The dead they cart to unmarked graves,
Through silent town and country places;
The victors profit from these spoils:
Discern the looks upon their faces.

The corpses taken out and placed in vats,
Accessories to the crime now take their hand:
They mutilate the lifeless, breathless ones
And press from them their vital inner parts.

Remains are cast aside; the liquid flows into the glass;
Without trace it is consumed by those of less suspicious thought.
One fleeting clue can tear away the masque of all this crime:
Unsound technique! There has been found a footprint in the wine!

Senior Girls Prefer LSUS

LSUS was voted the preferred college choice by the St. Vincent's Academy seniors in a recent survey sponsored by the LPL VIN, school newspaper.

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute was the second choice. Other state schools mentioned were Centenary, LSUBR, Northwestern and Northeastern.

There was a 91 per cent turn out for the election.

The Keeper of the Bath

by Terry Hansen

The day's dawn when invaders flock to England's beckoning shores,
As many piglets find there is no succour in a boar.

Thus did this mighty Emperor, seeking to expand
His kingdoms, wayfare to this strange and foreign land.

Surname Caesar: he was a worthy wielder of the brand
Whereby Rome sought to impress the wide world for her command.

In war's bloody circus, death's own master in the ring
Rescinded crown and scepter, though he were the Empire's king.

Castles and defensive walls evolve in many a sparse and chary place;
And the Roman roads which linked the whole were as many strands of hurried lace.

With them attend culture, language, laws; and lacking comfort hath
Aspired to bring, as it doth seem, their public Roman baths.

The keeper of the Roman bath, a stoutly brazen Celt
(Reckoned to be the keeper by the towel tucked in his belt),
Termed this occupation an aggression on their part;
Yet concealed these embroiled feelings in the chambers of his heart.

Deep-seated enmity, consequential of his wrath,
He vowed he'd have revenge ere Caesar came to take his bath;
Murderous intent: a sight so fair he cannot help but drool into the pool —
Until his enzymes have digested this far-wandering fool.

And when his generals thither come
To make inquiry as to where he might have gone;
"My regally embellished lord has water-logged become,
As methinks he must've crossed o'er one too many Rubicons."



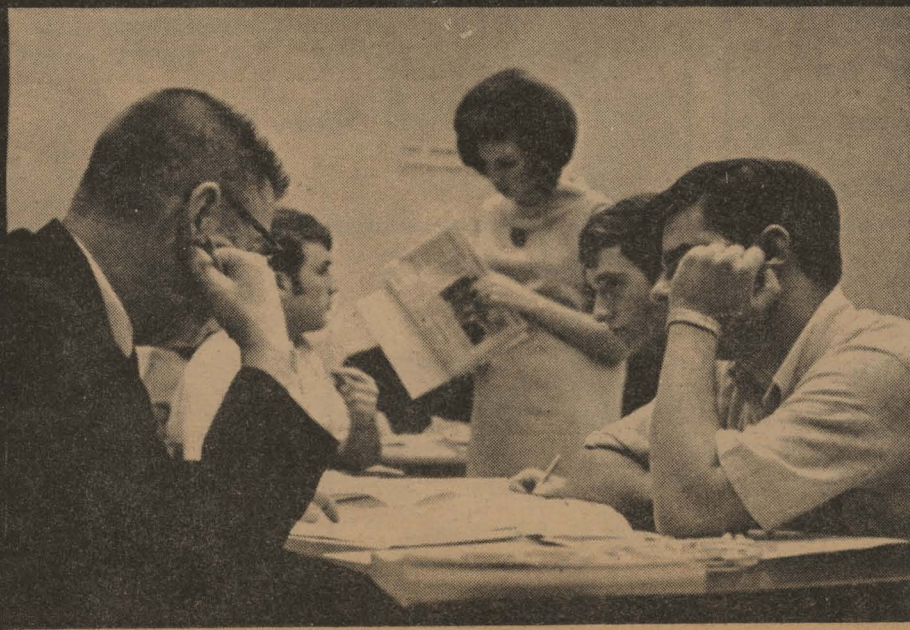
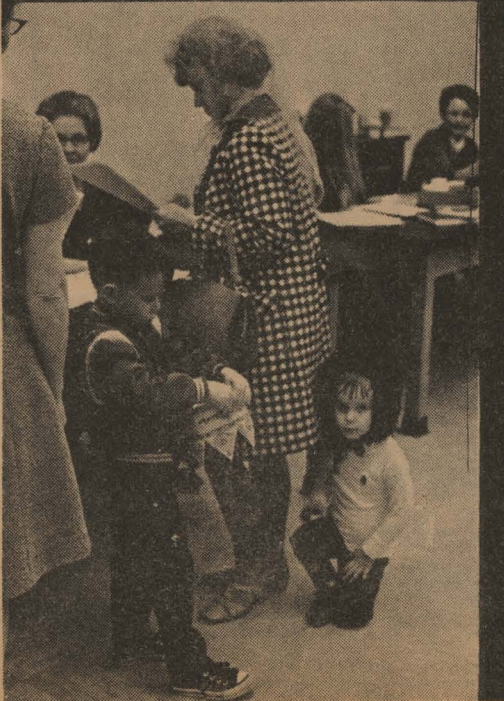
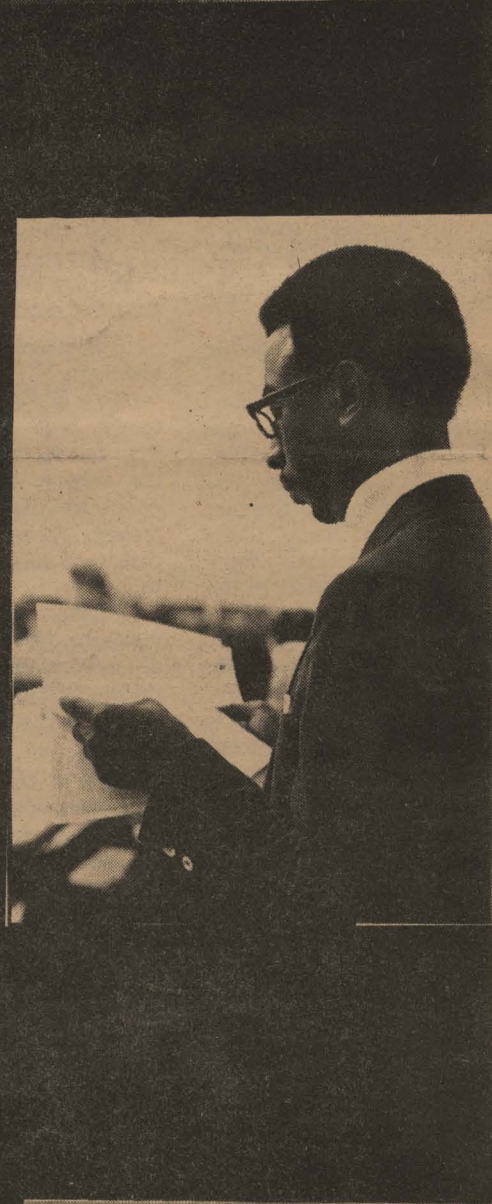
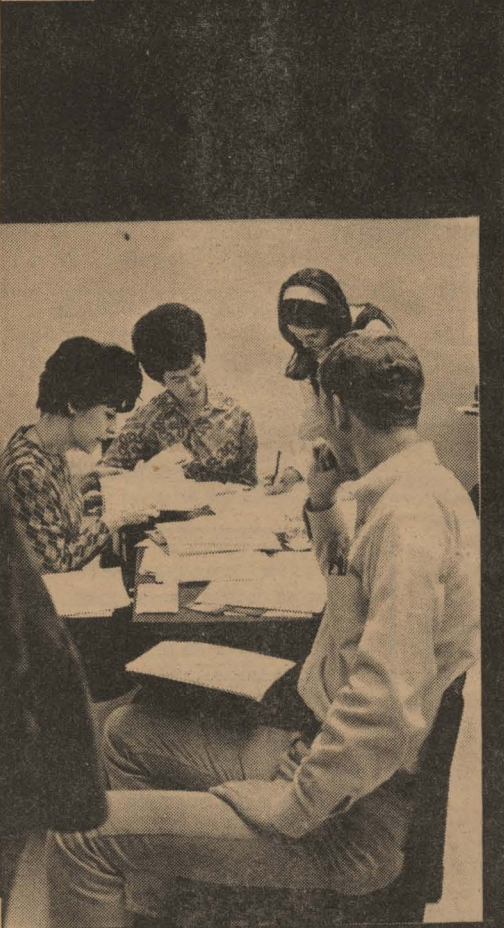
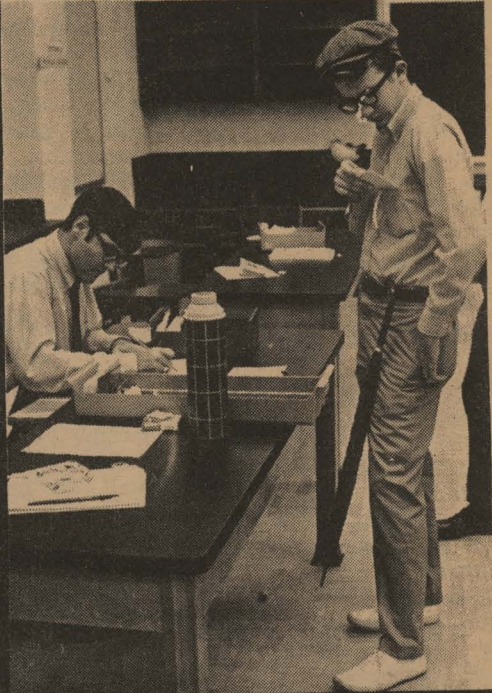
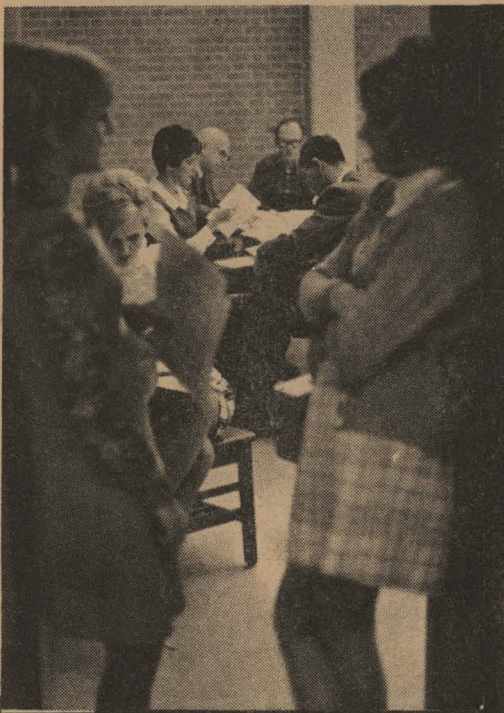
STUDENT PERSONALITIES Linda Hanchy, freshman secretarial science major; and Steve Rogers, sophomore architectural major, examine the juke box in the snack bar.

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YRs Will Represent LSUS at Conventions

The 1969 state and national conventions of the Young Republicans will have representation from the campus YRs.

The state YR convention of the Executive Committee Meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, in New Orleans. The purpose will be to discuss mutual problems in YR organization and growth. Planning for new clubs and Teenage Republican Camp will be discussed, also.

●Sallee to attend

Tommy Sallee, a sophomore agriculture major and president of the LSUS YRs; Bob Robinson, a freshman pre-law major and vice president of the club; and Eddie Grounds, a sophomore psychology major, will attend the convention from LSUS.

Also attending the convention will be the Mississippi Executive Committee.

The National 1969 Leadership Training School will be held March 13-15 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. Emphasis will be on local club org-

3 Students Make 4.0

Thirty-one students made the Dean's List for the first semester.

Students maintaining a 4.0 average are Mrs. Ruth K. Frazier, Charles Lace and Mrs. Helen W. Youra.

Those having a 3.5 or better are Sharon Sue Adams, Mrs. Linda Baldwin, Mrs. Elaine Bohannon, Michelle Bordelon, Alton Lewis Dobbins, Sammy Fertitta, Luther C. Furlow III, Mrs. Susan Gordon, Sandra Jane Greene, Ralph Hardman, Nancy Lehr, John Looney, Peggy Louise Maricelli, Jackie Lynn Newton, Brenda Mae Okes, Margaret Olson, Barbara Pugh, Earlene Rodgers.

Others are William D. Smith Jr., Mrs. Susan Olsen Sommer, Steve Thomas, Richard Norris, Jane Foreman, Randall Lynn Frame, Jeff Boose, Mrs. Geneva C. Elston, Richard D. Burst and Sandra J. Burford.

Enrollment Drops To 1118 for Spring

Spring semester enrollment dropped to 1118 students from the 1500 reportedly enrolled for the 1969 fall semester.

The Business Administration Department went from 333 students to an enrollment of 275 for this semester. Liberal Arts declined to 124 from a previous enrollment of 169.

There were 154 students signed up in science. This department lost 72 students from the fall. Education decreased to 222 from 234. Agriculture went from 74 to 49.

Nursing lost 40 students since last fall, with 32 students this semester.

Under general studies there are four students. Previously there were none. Those with no preference were numbered at 73; this dropped from 171.

Evening classes have enrolled 185 students, losing 13 from the fall.

anization, programming and leadership.

President Nixon, Vice President Agnew, members of the Cabinet, governors Reagan and Ogilvie, senators Goldwater, Tower and Murphy and congressmen Lukens, Ashbrook and Brock will be guest speakers for the convention.

Approximately three members of the campus YRs will be selected to attend the national convention. The club is allowed one delegate for every 20 members.

●Local Luncheons

The local Republican Party has invited the YRs to attend monthly luncheons at Morrison's Cafeteria in the Pierremont Mall. The meetings, held on the first Tuesday, will have various guest speakers.

During registration the club acquired about 22 more members. The state party, said Sallee, acquired about 2110 new members from August of 1968 to the end of the presidential election, and won the national membership contest. The percentage increase was the highest in the nation and better than doubled that of Georgia which ranked second, according to the local Executive Committee Memo of Jan. 30.

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be done about the numerous amendments at each election. "There are a lot of special interest laws in the constitution that shouldn't be there, such as the sulphur tax, but the people concerned don't want them removed. There are many of these that need to go, but it's difficult to do now."

"There needs to be a strong governor to hold a constitutional convention to repair these things," he added.

●Mafia Overplayed

Johnston's opinion of the influence of the Mafia in Louisiana was asked. "I think this was overplayed by 'Life'. A lot of the accusations were based on guilt by association. I deny that Louisiana is controlled by the Mafia."

Lastly, Johnston was asked if he planned to run for governor. He laughed and said, "Thank you for the question. I don't know if I'll even be in politics then," he added jokingly.

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PRESENTING the American and Louisiana flags recently purchased by Gamma Sigma Omega and Circle K to LSUS are (from left) Linda Myers, freshman Gamma board of directors member; Kevin Abel, freshman Circle K second vice president; and (far right) Larry L. Johnson, sophomore Circle K vice president. Accepting for the University is Dean Donald Shipp. (second from right).

Service Clubs Present Flags

The Circle K Club and Gamma Sigma Omega presented new national and state flags to Dean Donald Shipp for LSUS, Tuesday Feb. 4.

The flags were presented to Dean Shipp by Kevin Abel and Sandra Pruitt, sophomore psychology major and president of GSO. Funds obtained from a Circle K car wash were used to buy the new flags.

A membership drive for acquiring new Circle K members was held through Feb. 6. Any male full-time student with at least a 2.0 grade average may still apply for membership. Applications may be obtained from Eddie Grounds, sophomore psychology major and president of Circle K, or Kevin Abel.

The initiation banquet for the new members will be held soon at Pancho's in Bossier City. Circle K district representatives will be present at the banquet, and hopefully Gov. McKeithen.

The Circle K Club is presently making advertisement sales for the Annual Shreveport Dog Show, which is sponsored by the Shreveport Kennel Club.

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Ocean Springs Trip Planned for Spring

Plans for a spring field trip to the Marine Biology Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Miss. were announced Wednesday night at a Biology Club meeting.

The purpose of the trip will be to give biology students an opportunity to collect specimens for the school and to study coastal life. The trip is scheduled April 25-27, David Warren, president of the Biology Club, said arrangements for the trip are going very well.

The club also intends to bring

in speakers from time to time to talk on subjects of interest to the organization. The first speaker will be from the LSU Medical School. He will be here Wednesday Feb. 26 and will give his talk in Room 228 in the Science Building at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Dorothy A. Hubble, Biology Club faculty advisor said, "Any person interested in a career in the biological sciences should take advantage of this opportunity to both hear and associate with qualified people in these fields."

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